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IMAGE CODING APPARATUS, IMAGE
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COLLATION APPARATUS, AND DATA
STORAGE MEDIUM

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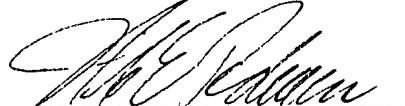
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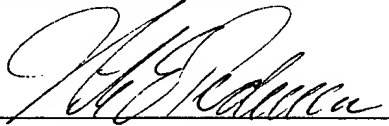
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Also enclosed are the PTO surcharge of \$130.00 required by 37 CFR 1.492(e), and a copy of the PTO notice.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is now complete, and early indication thereof is now requested.

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